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This is a decision on the request for corrected of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on October 20, 2009 for the above-identified application.

The request is dismissed.

Applicant request that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error wherein the incorrect specification, drawings, abstract and claims were published.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent. \(^1\)

The request for corrected publication, received on October 20, 2009, was not timely filed under 37 CFR 1.221(b).

Due to the nature of the errors in this publication, the office will *sua sponte* publish a corrected patent application publication. The corrected patent application publication will be published in due course, unless the application is allowed and the patent issues before the application is republished.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

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